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TO: House Interim Committee on Transportation

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SUBJECT: 2026 Committee Legislative Concepts

LC 255 (1/12/26): Defines “powered micromobility device” for purposes of Oregon Vehicle Code. Consolidates uniform standards for wearing protective headgear for children under 16 years of age when riding bicycles, motor assisted scooters, powered mobility devices, and other nonmotorized vehicles. Prescribes minimum age of 14 for persons for riding Class 1 electric-assisted bicycles and 16 for Class 2 and Class 3, and 14 to operate a motor assisted scooter. Creates offenses of improper sale or lease of a vehicle and of selling impostor vehicles, designates each as Class D traffic violations punishable by maximum fine of \$250.

Directs ODOT to establish a five-year pilot program to allow commercial trucks up to 129,000 pounds to transport fluid milk products on a limited number of highways in the state. Requires ODOT to first study the impact of such a pilot program, including weight impacts, infrastructure pavement assessment, economic analysis, an assessment of length and axle factors and alignments, parking and staffing assessment, implementation plan, and recommendations supporting informed evaluation for divisible and non-divisible loads. Outlines other possible areas of study. Directs submission of report to Oregon Transportation Commission by September 15, 2028. Sunsets report requirement January 2, 2029. Requires establishment of five-year program once study is completed.

LC 257 (1/9/26): Establishes the Transit Funding Task Force to determine funding level needed to maintain adequate transit service statewide and to allow for growth over time and to explore funding mechanisms necessary to achieve necessary funding. Stipulates 21 members be appointed by Governor, Senate President and Speaker, with Governor designating chairperson and vice-chair. Directs Task Force to submit report to transportation committees by December 1, 2026. Sunsets December 31, 2027; declares emergency, effective on passage.

LC 258 (12/23/25): Requires participation of electric and hybrid-electric vehicles in the per-mile road usage charge program, as well as hybrid cars and delivery vans engaged in e-commerce; provides for a flat annual fee in lieu of the per-mile charge. Directs ODOT to prepare a recommendation each biennium for a per-mile road usage charge rate for all vehicles necessary to keep up the state's highway system. Pauses rebates through regular EV rebate program and directs all rebates through Charge Ahead Program until January 2, 2040. Limits Charge Ahead EV rebates to one per household. Requires DEQ to report to interim transportation committees six months following the close of the third consecutive year in which moneys available for Charge Ahead Oregon Program to issue rebate to each eligible applicant; report shall include progress report on Charge Ahead Oregon program, recommendation on whether to lift moratorium on standard EV rebates, and on whether the one-per-household limit on rebates should be lifted. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.